

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 31, 2007 at 3:06 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 297, 1/25/2007
Executive Action: HB 347, HB 152, HB 178

HEARING ON HB 297

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:58 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 297, Add teachers to state health insurance.

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh21a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:43 Peggy Mallette, teacher

00:13:01 Aleth Kock, teacher

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh21a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:37 Susan Witte, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management

00:22:11 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

00:31:41 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:09 Rep. Everett

00:35:38 Ms. Witte

00:36:29 Rep. Everett

00:36:34 Ms. Witte

00:37:00 Rep. Everett

00:37:34 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools

00:38:03 Rep. O'Hara

00:38:44 Mr. Melton

00:40:17 Rep. Ward

00:41:30 Mr. Bilodeau

00:42:56 Rep. Raser

00:43:28 Mr. Messinger

00:46:40 Rep. Raser

00:47:42 Mr. Melton

00:49:20 Rep. Raser

00:50:06 Mr. Bilodeau

00:53:24 Rep. Grinde

00:54:30 Mr. Melton

00:58:01 Rep. Ward

01:03:23 Mr. Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:40 Rep. Hamilton

01:05:05 Break
01:18:01 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

01:18:12 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that **HB 347 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:19:24 Rep. Jore
01:19:36 Ms. Fox
EXHIBIT(edh21a03)
01:19:53 Rep. Jore

01:20:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved that **HB 347 BE AMENDED.**
The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Reps.
Wilmer, Lange, and Butcher voted by proxy.

01:20:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 347 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Reps. Wilmer, Lange and Butcher voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 152

01:22:25 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 152 DO PASS.**

01:23:34 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 152 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh21a04)

Discussion:

01:23:52 Ms. Fox
01:24:30 Rep. Jore

01:24:42 **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Reps. Wilmer, Butcher, and Lange voted by proxy.

01:25:25 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 152 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh21a05)

Discussion:

01:25:39 Ms. Fox
01:26:48 Rep. Ward
01:27:11 Ms. Fox
01:27:35 Rep. Jore
01:27:37 Rep. Ward
01:27:58 Ms. Fox
01:28:24 Rep. Raser

01:28:59 **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Reps. Lange and Butcher voted by proxy.

01:29:32 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved the **HB 152 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:29:44 Rep. Everett
01:30:22 Rep. Jore
01:30:35 Rep. Lake
01:31:27 Rep. Grinde
01:31:49 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction
01:33:11 Rep. Raser
01:34:37 Rep. Jore
01:35:04 Rep. Raser
01:36:32 Rep. Lake
01:38:19 Rep. Raser
01:39:21 Rep. Grinde
01:40:52 Rep. Wilmer
01:43:08 Rep. Butcher
01:46:38 Rep. Lake
01:47:01 Ms. Fox
01:47:19 Ms. Quinlan
01:47:51 Rep. Lake
01:48:06 Ms. Quinlan
01:48:23 Rep. Lake
01:48:46 Rep. Ward
01:50:09 Rep. Raser
01:53:31 Rep. Ward
01:54:26 Rep. Raser

01:56:04 **Vote:** The motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with
Reps. Hamilton, Cordier, Raser, Wilmer, Bixby, and
Grinde voting aye.

01:57:09 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that the
vote that **THE BILL BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.**
The motion passed 10-5 by voice vote with
Reps. Hamilton, Cordier, Raser, Bixby, and Grinde
voting no. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 178

01:58:29 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 178 DO PASS.**

01:59:05 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 178 BE AMENDMENT.**
EXHIBIT(edh21a06)

Discussion:

01:59:40 Rep. Wilmer

02:02:11 Rep. Jore

02:02:24 Rep. Wilmer

02:03:31 **Vote:** The motion passes unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Lange and Lake voted by proxy.

02:03:52 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 178 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:04:04 Rep. Everett

02:04:24 Rep. Wilmer

02:05:50 Rep. Everett

02:06:03 Rep. Wilmer

02:07:26 Rep. Ward

02:08:44 Rep. Wilmer

02:09:52 Rep. Hamilton

02:10:12 Rep. Wilmer

02:11:06 Rep. Jore

02:12:57 Rep. Wilmer

02:14:04 Rep. Butcher

02:18:49 Rep. Koopman

02:19:05 Rep. Bixby

02:19:55 **Vote:** The motion failed by 7-8 roll call vote with
Reps. Ward, Cordier, Grinde, Wilmer, Raser, Hamilton,
and Bixby voting aye. Reps. Lange and Lake
voted by proxy.

02:21:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 178
BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** The motion passed
with Reps. Raser, Cordier, Wilmer, Grinde, Hamilton,
and Cordier voting no. Reps. Butcher, Lange and Lake
voted by proxy.

Additional Exhibits:

This document was in relation to HB 297 and was submitted to the
committee via the chairman. The opponent was unable to attend.

EXHIBIT(edh21a07)

ADJOURNMENT

02:21:44 Adjournment: 5:28 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh21aad.pdf](#))